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SUMMARY: ARGENTINE NATIONAL GRAIN BOAORD OFFICIALS WHO REPRESENT GOA IN IWA MEETINGS REQUEST OUR VIEWS ON A JAN 9 MEETING IN LONDON OF WHEAT EXPORT COUNTRIES AND VERIFICATION AND CLARIFICATION OF STATEMENTS BY SECRETARY BERGLAND ON NEGOTIATION OF COARSE GRAINS AGREEMENT FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH OLAF GUNDELACH AS REPORTED BY REUTERS. END SUMMARY.

1. FEDERICO DUSSEL OF NATIONAL GRAIN BOARD INVITED AGATTACHES FROM USA, CANADA, AUSTRALIA TO DISCUSS IWA DECEMBER 23. BESIDES DUSSEL MEETING ALSO INCLUDED JORGE ZORREQUIETA, UNDER-SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND ACTING HEAD OF GRAIN BOARD, ARMANDO RIBAS, ADVISOR, JULIAN VIANA, ADVISOR, AND SATURNINO ZEMBORAIN, ARGENTINE AGATT/WASH WHO HAPPENDED TO BE IN TOWN.

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2. AFTER BRIEF REVIEW OF VERSIONS A AND B, ARGENTINES INDICATED DISSATISFACTION ON THEIR PART WITH HOLDING SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION JANUARY WITH TWO VERSIONS ON THE TABLE. AS OF NOW THEY WOULD FAVOR AN APPROACH THAT WOULD FOCUS DISCUSSION ON ONLY VERSION A. THIS WOULD SEEM TO INDCIATE NO CHANGE FROM THEIR POSITION INDICATED PARA 10 OF LONDON 20171.

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3. AGATTS WERE REQUESTED TO INQUIRE OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS WHETHER CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND US WOULD AGREE TO A MEETING OF EXPORTER NATIONS JANUARY 9 PRIOR TO SPECIAL SESSION JANUARY 10.

4. CHAIRMAN OF MEETING (ZORREQUIETA) NEXT CALLED ATTENTION TO REUTERS DESPATCH OF 19 DECEMBER FROM BRUSSELS REPORTING SECRETARY BERGLAND HAD MET WITH EC VICE PRES GUNDELACH AND AGREED THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON COARSE GRAINS WILL BE HELD PARALLEL WITH BUT SEPARATELY FROM TALKS ON A NEW IWA. IT WAS CLEAR THAT THIS REPORT CAME TO THE ARGENTINES AS A CONSIDERABLE SURPRISE.
THE US AGATT WAS ASKED TO ASCERTAIN FROM WASHINGTON WHETHER SECRETARY BERGLAND'S STATEMENTS WERE AS REPORTED BY REUTERS, AND ALSO ARGENTINES WOULD LIKE BFORE DEPARTING FOR LONDON AN AMPLIFICATION OF THE CHANGED US POSITION ON COARSE GRAINS NEGOTIABILITY. NO FIRM POSITION HAS BEEN ADOPTED THUS FAR BY GOA BUT TENTATIVELY THEY SAID THAT THEY OPPOSE NEGOTIATION OF WHEAT AND COARSE GRAINS AT THE SAME SESSIONS.
REUTERS HAD INCLUDED A QUOTE FROM THE SECRETARY, TO WIT: THE COARSE GRAIN TALKS WOULD OVERLAP TO SOME EXTENT WITH THE WHEAT NEGOTIATONS BECAUSE SOME COUNTRIES HAD AN INTEREST IN BOTH.

5. ACTION REQUEST:

A. US DELEGATION VIEWS ON A MEETING OF WHEAT EXPORTER COUNTRIES JANUARY 9.

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B. VERIFICATION AND CLARIFICATION OF ANY NEW POSITION WE HAVE ADOPTED ON COARSE GRAINS NEGOTIATIONS, AND WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND REGARDS TIMING OF LATTER VIS-A-VIS WHEAT NEGOTIATIONS THAT WE MAY PASS ON TO GOA.

C. GUIDANCE REQUESTED ON WHAT DOES NEW STANCE DO TO OUR POSITONS ON VERSIONS A AND B.
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